

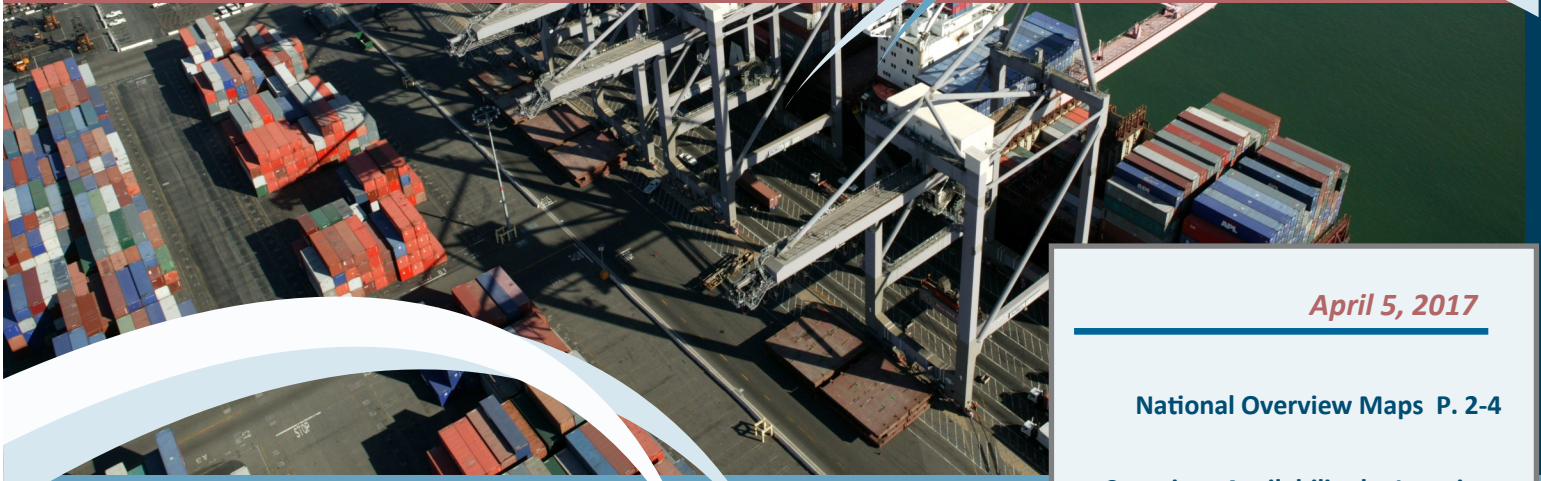


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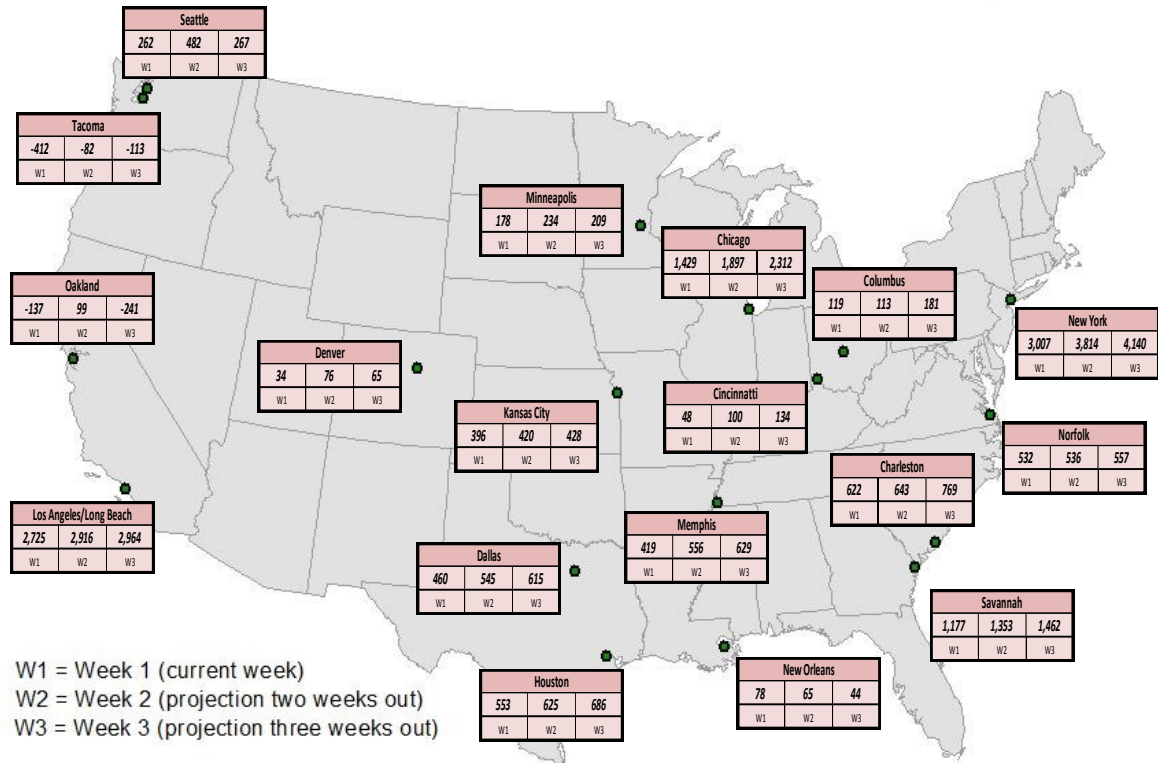
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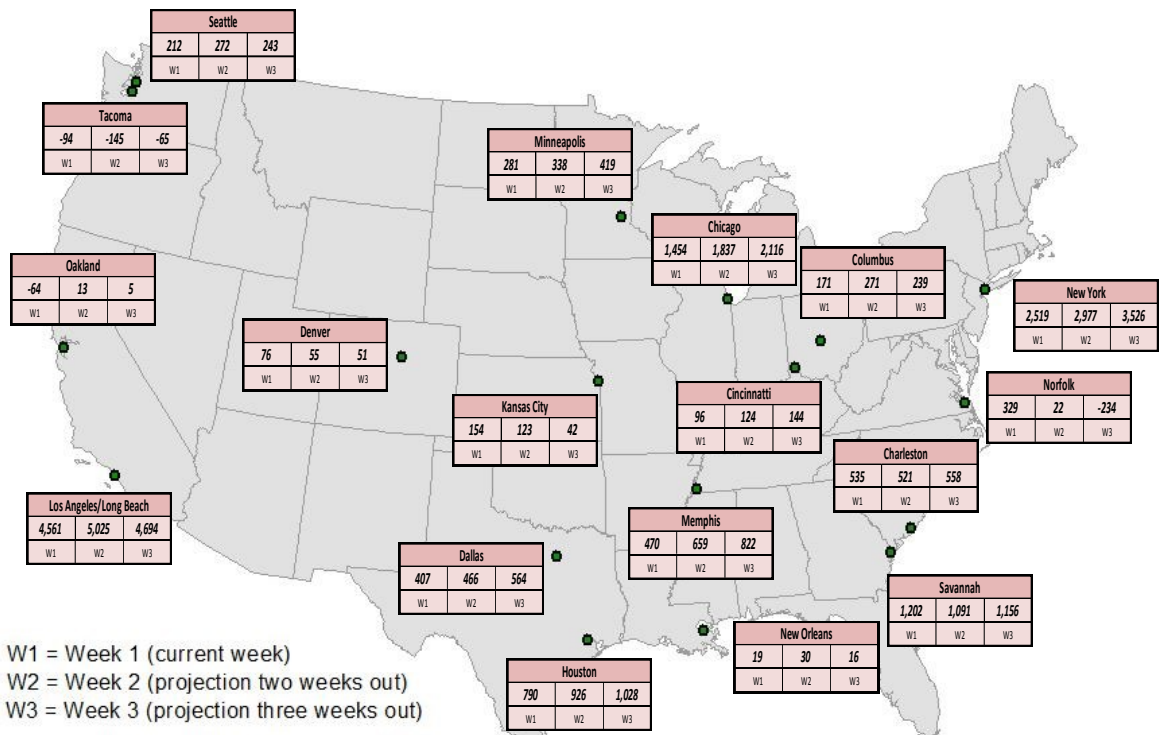
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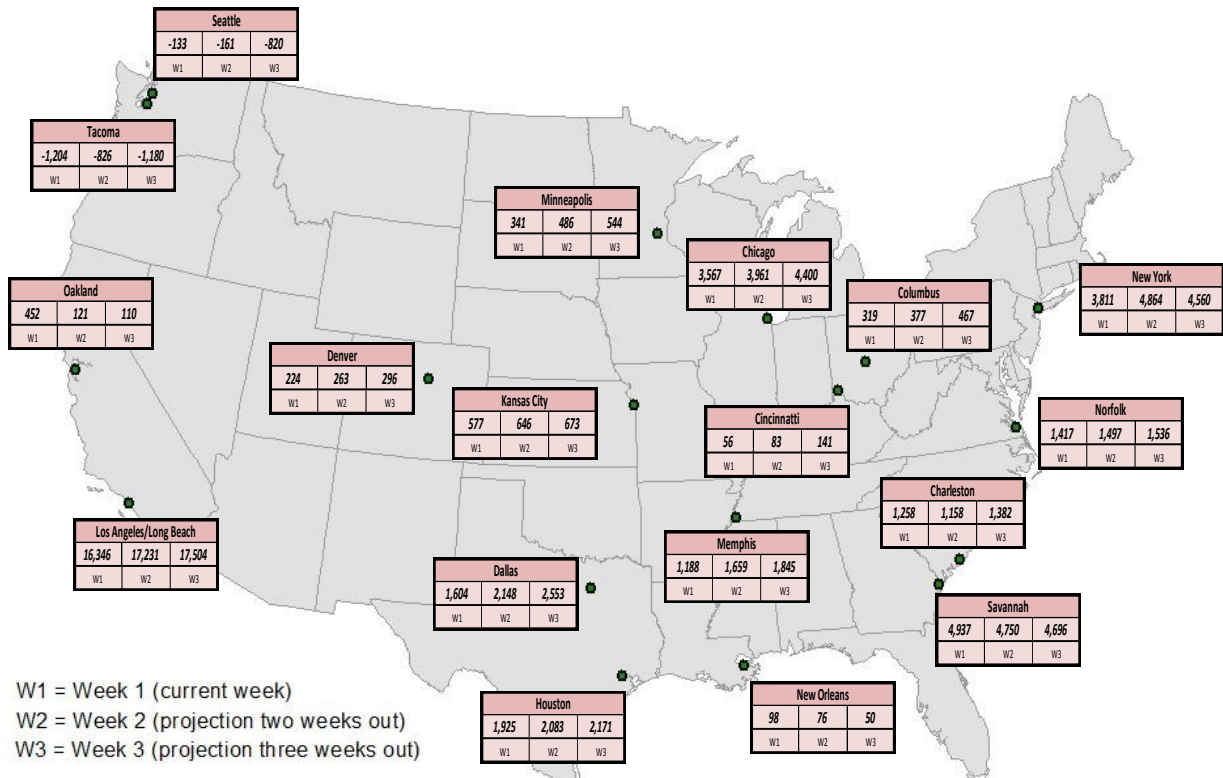


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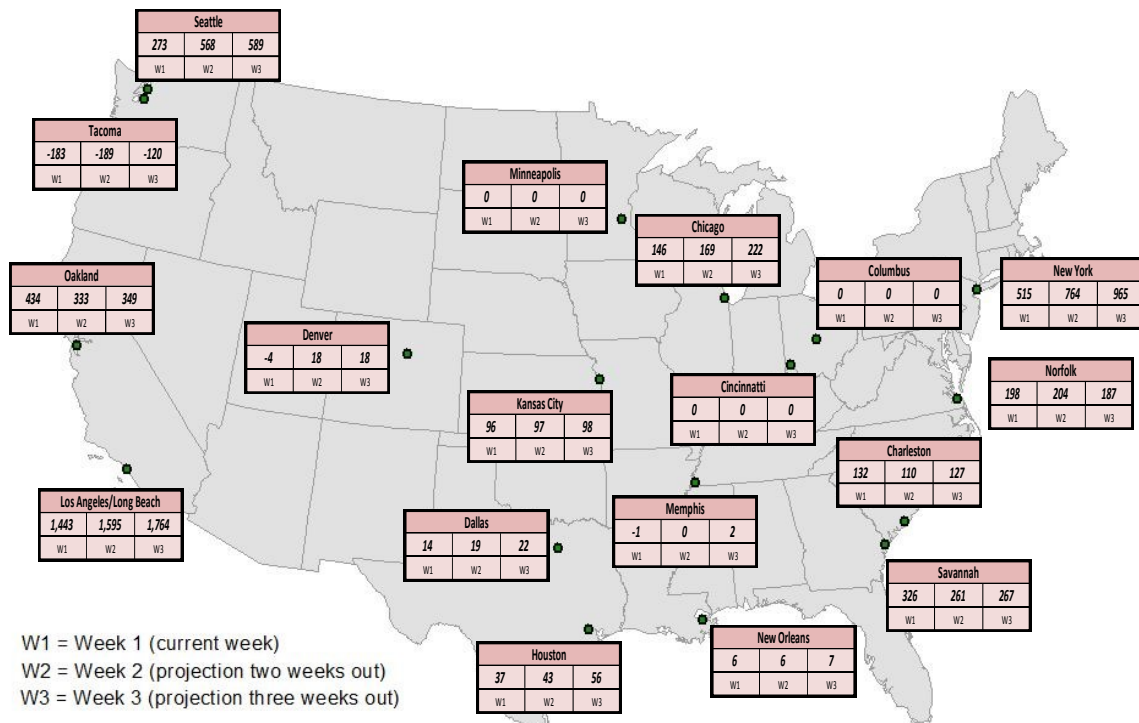


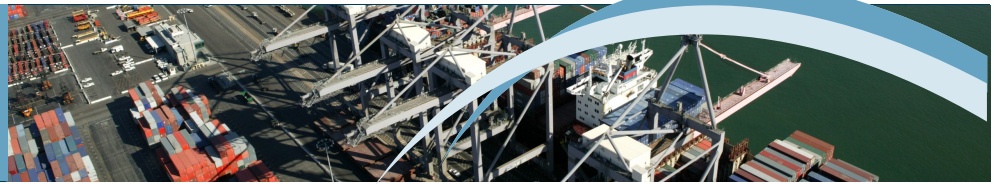


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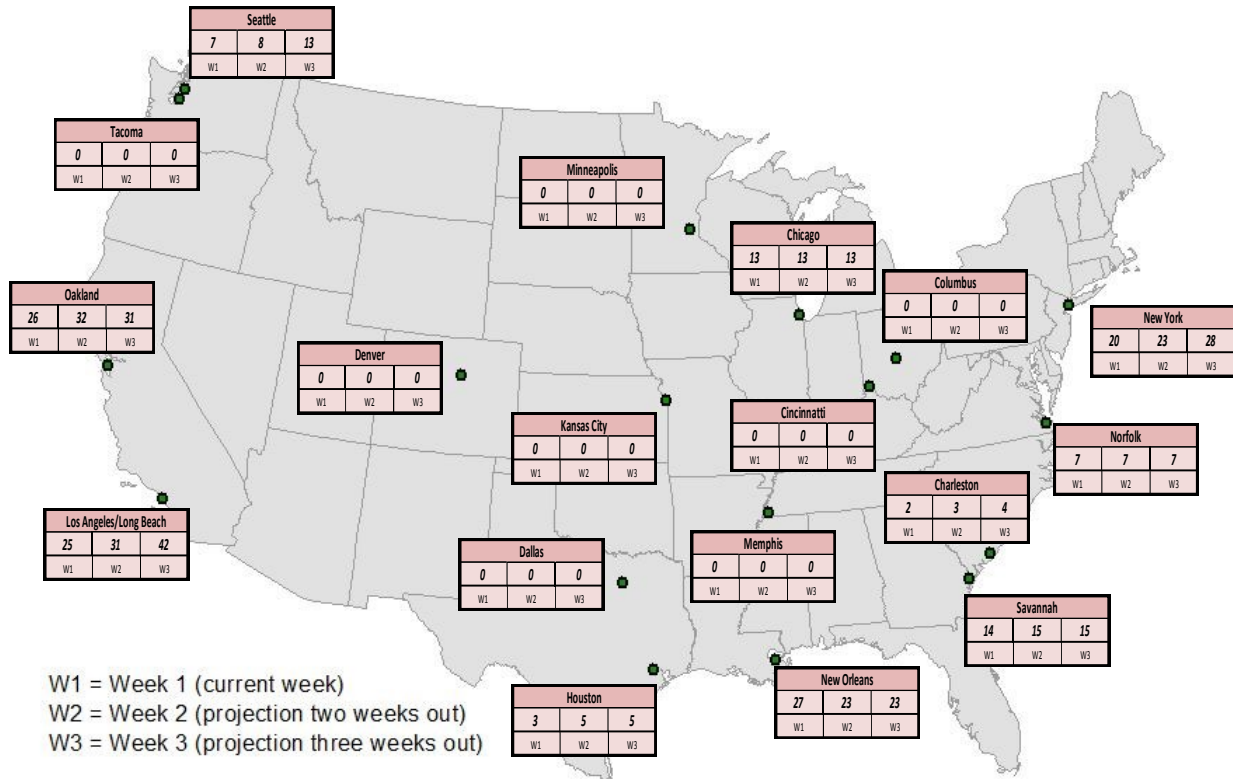


Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers





Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	303	218	80	15	6	622
Week 2: Apr 12-18	370	218	90	10	-45	643
Week 3: Apr 19-25	411	218	140	10	-10	769
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	340	211	147	100	-49	749
Week 2: Apr 12-18	340	241	156	60	-76	721
Week 3: Apr 19-25	340	290	110	60	-76	724
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	718	239	229	80	-8	1,258
Week 2: Apr 12-18	718	348	171	60	-139	1,158
Week 3: Apr 19-25	718	515	175	60	-86	1,382
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	95	30	23	4	-20	132
Week 2: Apr 12-18	99	15	5	4	-13	110
Week 3: Apr 19-25	106	15	5	4	-3	127
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	2	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 12-18	2	1	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Apr 19-25	2	2	.	.	.	4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Chicago						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	729	367	229	104	0	1,429
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,059	367	338	98	35	1,897
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,274	367	486	105	80	2,312
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	704	571	125	54	0	1,454
Week 2: Apr 12-18	704	1,096	62	-55	30	1,837
Week 3: Apr 19-25	704	1,391	45	-64	40	2,116
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	1,586	1,419	335	227	0	3,567
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,586	2,102	209	24	40	3,961
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,586	2,531	286	-43	40	4,400
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	131	15	0	.	.	146
Week 2: Apr 12-18	154	15	0	.	.	169
Week 3: Apr 19-25	207	15	0	.	.	222
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	13	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 12-18	13	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Apr 19-25	13	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Cincinnati						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	47	4	1	0	-4	48
Week 2: Apr 12-18	57	4	34	5	0	100
Week 3: Apr 19-25	65	4	44	20	1	134
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	55	30	14	0	-3	96
Week 2: Apr 12-18	81	30	14	0	-1	124
Week 3: Apr 19-25	95	30	21	0	-2	144
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	92	30	1	-5	-62	56
Week 2: Apr 12-18	141	30	0	-3	-85	83
Week 3: Apr 19-25	190	30	0	2	-81	141
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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Columbus						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	57	35	21	6	0	119
Week 2: Apr 12-18	57	51	25	-25	5	113
Week 3: Apr 19-25	57	58	33	-1	34	181
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	135	48	2	0	-14	171
Week 2: Apr 12-18	165	48	-11	65	4	271
Week 3: Apr 19-25	188	48	-4	30	-23	239
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	190	122	13	0	-6	319
Week 2: Apr 12-18	310	122	-1	30	-84	377
Week 3: Apr 19-25	375	122	6	30	-66	467
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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Dallas						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	149	131	119	61	0	460
Week 2: Apr 12-18	200	130	124	61	30	545
Week 3: Apr 19-25	259	160	125	61	10	615
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	201	125	78	4	-1	407
Week 2: Apr 12-18	384	78	78	0	-74	466
Week 3: Apr 19-25	542	30	78	0	-86	564
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	682	393	354	165	10	1,604
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,186	424	354	184	0	2,148
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,483	483	354	233	0	2,553
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	14	0	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Apr 12-18	19	0	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Apr 19-25	22	0	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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Denver						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	25	12	9	0	-12	34
Week 2: Apr 12-18	37	10	9	20	0	76
Week 3: Apr 19-25	41	16	9	0	-1	65
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	45	22	8	1	0	76
Week 2: Apr 12-18	22	22	11	0	0	55
Week 3: Apr 19-25	17	22	13	-1	0	51
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	151	44	23	6	0	224
Week 2: Apr 12-18	174	44	50	-5	0	263
Week 3: Apr 19-25	194	44	59	-1	0	296
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0	-4	.	.	.	-4
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	18	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0	18	.	.	.	18
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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Houston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	375	151	46	0	-19	553
Week 2: Apr 12-18	375	231	22	5	-8	625
Week 3: Apr 19-25	375	288	-3	2	24	686
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	410	314	71	0	-5	790
Week 2: Apr 12-18	563	314	20	10	19	926
Week 3: Apr 19-25	682	314	23	0	9	1,028
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	1,382	516	71	0	-44	1,925
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,382	641	58	0	2	2,083
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,382	741	40	0	8	2,171
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	35	2	0	.	.	37
Week 2: Apr 12-18	41	2	0	.	.	43
Week 3: Apr 19-25	54	2	0	.	.	56
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	3	0	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Apr 12-18	5	0	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Apr 19-25	5	0	.	.	.	5

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Kansas City						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	235	116	45	0	0	396
Week 2: Apr 12-18	238	116	46	0	20	420
Week 3: Apr 19-25	250	116	58	0	4	428
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	62	54	39	4	-5	154
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	54	45	25	-1	123
Week 3: Apr 19-25	-77	54	55	10	0	42
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	338	195	45	0	-1	577
Week 2: Apr 12-18	338	225	52	30	1	646
Week 3: Apr 19-25	338	265	63	10	-3	673
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	65	31	0	.	.	96
Week 2: Apr 12-18	65	32	0	.	.	97
Week 3: Apr 19-25	65	33	0	.	.	98
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	956	810	605	324	30	2,725
Week 2: Apr 12-18	956	879	725	326	30	2,916
Week 3: Apr 19-25	956	902	814	262	30	2,964
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	2,394	1,247	539	321	60	4,561
Week 2: Apr 12-18	2,394	1,467	780	324	60	5,025
Week 3: Apr 19-25	2,394	1,640	523	77	60	4,694
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	10,164	2,864	1,995	1,123	200	16,346
Week 2: Apr 12-18	10,164	3,136	2,275	1,456	200	17,231
Week 3: Apr 19-25	10,164	3,121	2,149	1,870	200	17,504
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	563	382	253	170	75	1,443
Week 2: Apr 12-18	554	513	255	198	75	1,595
Week 3: Apr 19-25	567	658	244	220	75	1,764
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	15	10	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Apr 12-18	21	10	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Apr 19-25	32	10	.	.	.	42

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Memphis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	181	163	68	7	0	419
Week 2: Apr 12-18	181	295	77	3	0	556
Week 3: Apr 19-25	181	366	79	-7	10	629
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	326	94	54	0	-4	470
Week 2: Apr 12-18	559	94	0	0	6	659
Week 3: Apr 19-25	717	94	27	0	-16	822
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	616	458	92	22	0	1,188
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,007	458	114	50	30	1,659
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,264	458	106	-18	35	1,845
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0	-1	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0	2	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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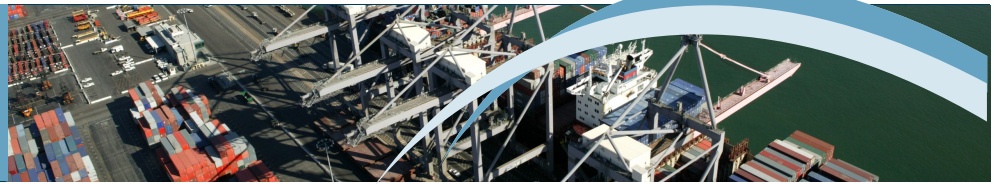
Minneapolis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	102	69	40	0	-33	178
Week 2: Apr 12-18	137	69	40	0	-12	234
Week 3: Apr 19-25	126	69	40	0	-26	209
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	224	115	59	0	-117	281
Week 2: Apr 12-18	224	141	83	15	-125	338
Week 3: Apr 19-25	224	172	73	10	-60	419
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	151	142	78	0	-30	341
Week 2: Apr 12-18	191	142	144	0	9	486
Week 3: Apr 19-25	216	142	190	10	-14	544
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0

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New Orleans						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	60	12	6	0	0	78
Week 2: Apr 12-18	60	1	4	0	0	65
Week 3: Apr 19-25	60	-20	4	0	0	44
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	26	1	0	0	-8	19
Week 2: Apr 12-18	26	1	0	0	3	30
Week 3: Apr 19-25	26	2	0	6	-18	16
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	120	3	1	0	-26	98
Week 2: Apr 12-18	120	7	-2	0	-49	76
Week 3: Apr 19-25	120	9	1	0	-80	50
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	6	0	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Apr 12-18	6	0	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Apr 19-25	7	0	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	27	27
Week 2: Apr 12-18	23	23
Week 3: Apr 19-25	23	23

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New York						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	1,432	840	426	279	30	3,007
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,762	840	751	455	6	3,814
Week 3: Apr 19-25	2,144	840	482	668	6	4,140
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	1,031	1,022	324	122	20	2,519
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,102	1,022	791	42	20	2,977
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,338	1,022	1,202	-56	20	3,526
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	1,706	1,238	633	174	60	3,811
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,706	1,910	481	717	50	4,864
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,706	2,679	439	-314	50	4,560
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	256	118	91	40	10	515
Week 2: Apr 12-18	364	227	108	55	10	764
Week 3: Apr 19-25	469	339	62	85	10	965
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	15	5	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Apr 12-18	18	5	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Apr 19-25	23	5	.	.	.	28

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Norfolk						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	258	171	48	40	15	532
Week 2: Apr 12-18	292	174	26	40	4	536
Week 3: Apr 19-25	331	188	-6	40	4	557
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	213	126	20	3	-33	329
Week 2: Apr 12-18	241	126	20	-92	-273	22
Week 3: Apr 19-25	270	126	20	-124	-526	-234
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	1,070	367	60	0	-80	1,417
Week 2: Apr 12-18	1,070	508	50	19	-150	1,497
Week 3: Apr 19-25	1,070	664	50	-119	-129	1,536
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	93	85	25	10	-15	198
Week 2: Apr 12-18	90	83	35	10	-14	204
Week 3: Apr 19-25	108	43	25	10	1	187
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	5	2	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 12-18	5	2	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Apr 19-25	5	2	.	.	.	7

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Oakland						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	58	45	36	32	-308	-137
Week 2: Apr 12-18	-70	45	88	227	-191	99
Week 3: Apr 19-25	-68	45	113	89	-420	-241
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	27	22	0	-17	-96	-64
Week 2: Apr 12-18	40	22	46	36	-131	13
Week 3: Apr 19-25	10	22	53	55	-135	5
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	364	248	135	-18	-277	452
Week 2: Apr 12-18	125	248	21	-78	-195	121
Week 3: Apr 19-25	110	248	250	-114	-384	110
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	362	96	42	30	-96	434
Week 2: Apr 12-18	220	160	-32	30	-45	333
Week 3: Apr 19-25	340	130	-83	30	-68	349
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	20	6	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Apr 12-18	20	12	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Apr 19-25	20	11	.	.	.	31

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Note : Reefer container availability data for Mitsui OSK Line available through San Francisco instead of Oakland.



Savannah						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	381	303	274	199	20	1,177
Week 2: Apr 12-18	489	363	274	207	20	1,353
Week 3: Apr 19-25	639	376	274	153	20	1,462
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	562	458	90	84	8	1,202
Week 2: Apr 12-18	562	393	100	154	-118	1,091
Week 3: Apr 19-25	562	388	100	298	-192	1,156
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	2,460	1,324	596	447	110	4,937
Week 2: Apr 12-18	2,460	1,047	832	331	80	4,750
Week 3: Apr 19-25	2,460	1,025	1,125	6	80	4,696
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	140	114	40	22	10	326
Week 2: Apr 12-18	138	43	60	10	10	261
Week 3: Apr 19-25	146	45	60	6	10	267
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	13	1	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Apr 12-18	14	1	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Apr 19-25	14	1	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Seattle						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	216	48	0	-2	.	262
Week 2: Apr 12-18	237	48	246	-49	.	482
Week 3: Apr 19-25	287	48	10	-78	.	267
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	161	33	9	9	.	212
Week 2: Apr 12-18	161	64	10	37	.	272
Week 3: Apr 19-25	161	82	-7	7	.	243
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	119	12	-17	-247	.	-133
Week 2: Apr 12-18	119	183	-33	-430	.	-161
Week 3: Apr 19-25	119	41	-380	-600	.	-820
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	153	52	50	18	.	273
Week 2: Apr 12-18	153	352	45	18	.	568
Week 3: Apr 19-25	153	428	45	-37	.	589
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	6	1	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 12-18	6	2	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Apr 19-25	6	7	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Tacoma						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	177	50	0	-639	.	-412
Week 2: Apr 12-18	234	50	0	-366	.	-82
Week 3: Apr 19-25	210	50	35	-408	.	-113
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	108	54	0	-256	.	-94
Week 2: Apr 12-18	197	54	57	-453	.	-145
Week 3: Apr 19-25	197	54	11	-327	.	-65
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	197	0	-92	-1,309	.	-1,204
Week 2: Apr 12-18	197	0	26	-1,049	.	-826
Week 3: Apr 19-25	197	45	-379	-1,043	.	-1,180
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	50	47	4	-284	.	-183
Week 2: Apr 12-18	55	77	4	-325	.	-189
Week 3: Apr 19-25	50	101	4	-275	.	-120
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Apr 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 5 ocean carriers including COSCO Shipping, Evergreen, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, OOCL, and Mitsui OSK Line.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:
 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
 - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
 - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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